

In the Claims:

1. (original) A sole structure for a cleated shoe comprising:  
an outsole formed of a hard material, said outsole being in the shape of a thin plate; and  
a plurality of cleats provided on a bottom surface of said outsole;

wherein said outsole has a first and second bulge each protruding downwardly toward the ground surface; said first bulge located at a position that corresponds to a thenar eminence of a foot of a shoe wearer, said second bulge located at a position that corresponds to a hypothenar eminence, said first and second bulge each having a sectional shape that conforms to a shape of a forefoot portion of a foot that has been flexed, and some of said cleats provided on a convexly curved surface of said first and second bulges.

- 1 2. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according  
2 to claim 1, wherein said outsole further includes a third  
3 bulge protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said  
4 third bulge located at a position that corresponds to a  
5 first distal phalanx of a foot of a shoe wearer, and some  
6 of said cleats are provided on a convexly curved surface of  
7 said third bulge.

- 1 3. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according  
2 to claim 2, wherein said outsole further includes a fourth  
3 bulge protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said  
4 fourth bulge located at a region that corresponds to each

phalangeal joint between each distal phalanx and each middle phalanx of a second to fifth toe of a foot of a shoe wearer, and some of said cleats are provided on a convexly curved surface of said fourth bulge.

4. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 1, wherein said outsole has a flat, W-shaped cross section at said first and second bulges.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled).

7. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 4, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top centered position of a corresponding bulge.

8. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 3, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top centered position of a corresponding bulge.

9. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 2, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top centered position of a corresponding bulge.

10. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 1, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top centered position of a corresponding bulge.

11. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 10, wherein said sole structure further includes a midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole

disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper surface of said outsole.

12. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 4, wherein said sole structure further includes a midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper surface of said outsole.

13. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 3, wherein said sole structure further includes a midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper surface of said outsole.

14. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 2, wherein said sole structure further includes a midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper surface of said outsole.

15. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 1, wherein said sole structure further includes a midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper surface of said outsole.

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